

CHAPTER NO. 261

SENATE BILL NO. 486

By Haynes, Henry, Fowler, Kurita, Graves, Atchley, Blackburn, Burchett, Burks, Carter, Clabough, Cohen, Cooper, Crowe, Crutchfield, Davis, Dixon, Elsea, Ford, Harper, Haun, Herron, Kyle, Leatherwood, McNally, Miller, Person, Ramsey, Rochelle, Springer, Williams, Womack, Mr. Speaker Wilder

Substituted for: House Bill No. 981

By Sherry Jones, Odom, Briley, Garrett, Robinson, Harwell, Todd, Hargett

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to support of prisoners committed to county jails and workhouses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 41-4-1\_\_\_. (a) Any county or municipality may, by resolution or ordinance adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, establish and implement a plan authorizing the jail or workhouse administrator of such county or municipality to charge an inmate committed to such jail or workhouse a fee, not to exceed the actual cost, for items issued to inmates upon each new admission to jail.

(b) A plan adopted pursuant to subsection (a) may authorize the jail or workhouse administrator to deduct the amount from such inmate's jail trust account or any other account or fund established by or for the benefit of such inmate while incarcerated. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing a county or municipality to issue necessary clothing or hygiene items based on the inmate's ability to pay.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 19, 1999**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 26th day of May 1999**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR